

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of the Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended) Water-soluble porous bodies comprising a three dimensional, oil and water emulsion-templated, open-cell lattice from which substantially all of the water and oil have been removed containing:

(a) less than 10% by weight of water-soluble polymeric material other than a surfactant, and said water-soluble polymeric material forming a homogeneous solution in water,

(b) 5 to 95% by weight of a surfactant, and,

(c) a water-insoluble material incorporated into said lattice to be dispersed when the water-soluble porous body dissolves,

said porous bodies having an intrusion volume as measured by mercury porosimetry of at least about 3 ml/g, and comprise two types of pores: one from the sublimation of solid ice and one from the sublimation of the oil phase,

wherein said porous bodies are powders having a particle size below about 0.2 mm or moulded bodies having a particle size above 5 mm; and

with the proviso that said porous bodies are not spherical beads having an average bead diameter of 0.2-5.0 mm;

wherein said water-soluble polymeric material is a water-soluble natural gum, a water-soluble polysaccharide, a water-soluble cellulose derivative or a water-soluble homopolymer or copolymer comprising (co)monomers selected from the group consisting of:

vinyl alcohol,

acrylic acid,

methacrylic acid

acrylamide,

methacrylamide